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SUBJ: DISABLED VETS ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP CABINET

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1. CONTINUING THEIR WEEK-LONG DEMONSTRATIONS IN SUPPORT OF  
PENSION BENEFITS, JOBS, AND "REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY,"  
DISABLED VETERANS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE CABINET HOSTAGE  
AT SAO BENTO LEGISLATIVE PALACE NIGHT OF SEPT 27/28. THE  
ATTEMPT WAS THWARTED WHEN PRIME MINISTER ORDERED IN COMMANDO UNITS  
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ARMORED VEHICLES. THE VETERANS HAVE MAINTAINED CONSTANT

VIGIL OUTSIDE THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE SINCE THEIR INITIAL ATTEMPT TO GET A PRESIDENTIAL HEARING WAS REBUFFED. EFFORTS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEIR DEMANDS HAVE INCLUDED OCCUPATION OF BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY TOLL BOOTHS AND FREQUENT ROAD BLOCKS ON THE MAJOR ARTERIES AROUND PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

2. COMMANDO'S ACTION IN CLEARING DISABLED VETERANS WAS SUBJECT OF CONTINUAL CRITICISM ON RADIO STATIONS ALL DAY SEPTEMBER 28.

3. COMMENT: THIS WAS FIRST USE OF FORCE AGAINST DISABLED VETS SINCE THEY STARTED THEIR PROTEST. VETS' MOVE AGAINST PM AND CABINET TRIGGERED SEPT. 29 INTERVENTION OF RADIO STATIONS (REFTEL). CARLUCCI

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